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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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OHV riding is prevalent on many of the beaches and river bars located in the County. Humboldt County boasts access to approximately 40 miles of coastline accessible to citizens and visitors. Inland there are several locations along the miles of rivers that are popular destinations with OHV riders. These areas are open to the public and many are multi-use areas. The uses include OHV riding, fishing, horseback riding, beach combing, swimming, surfing, etc. Law Enforcement issues arise when conflicts occur between these user groups, or users and the environment. Portions of the beach areas have been set aside to re-establish Western Snowy Plover habitat and to allow native plants to return to previous densities. The Plover's nesting season runs from March through September, it is also the busiest time of year for the activities mentioned above.

Humboldt County has one 75-acre OHV park, located on BLM land, dedicated to the use of ATV's, 4X4's, and motorcycles. The park has dunes, beach access, and several man made obstacles for the entertainment of the riders. BLM relies on assistance from the Humboldt County Sheriff to patrol and enforce OHV regulations. In addition to enforcement of OHV registration laws, there are safety issues such as helmet requirements, passengers on ATVs as well as alcohol and drug violations.

One of the major areas of conflicts is OHV trespassing in closed/restricted areas of public land or onto privately owned land often in areas that are very rural and not clearly defined. The two assigned Deputies are continuing to impact these areas. It is important to have the law enforcement presence to eliminate the activities that are detrimental to the property and livelihood of homeowners and businesses, as well as the safety of all involved.

Currently there are in excess of 15,000 registered four wheel drive vehicles in Humboldt County, along with another 6,000 green sticker OHV's. Statistics show that there were in excess of 18,000 OHV visitors and over 400,000 beach visitors. Assigned beach deputies spent over 2000 hours on the beach and had more than 1400 contacts. They issued 66 citations, made 197 warnings, and arrested 17 individuals. These statistics reflect the activity and results of the two (2) dedicated Beach Deputies.

The Sheriff's Office has jurisdiction on all OHV usage areas and is obligated, but not required by law, to respond for calls for service in those areas. If this program is no longer funded, beat officers who do not have immediate access to appropriate equipment and are assigned other duties, would be responsible to handle these calls for services on a priority basis. Patrol of the OHV areas would be non-existing. The liaison between the volunteer organizations and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office would be lost. An increase of violations will occur, OHV areas would be closed, and the safety of beach area users would be compromised.

Providing education to the public and users, and participation by OHV funded staff in community forums, has been shown to greatly reduce the number of incidents that would rise to the level of criminal activity and has made these areas safer for all who enjoy these areas. Because of their specialized assignments, the two deputies are well known in their areas and enjoy a unique networking opportunity with landowners, environmental groups, and the wide variety of users that would be lost should funding for this program be reduced or cease.

Law enforcement presence continues to be an effective tool in the safety and security of both OHV recreation and environmental protection. The public has said that they want more law enforcement presence in these areas. The deputies are critical for the continued and future success in securing this outdoor recreation opportunity. If fully funded, this year's proposal will result in the continued assignment of two (2) deputies with flexible schedules, increased ATV and 4x4 vehicle

patrol, more timely response to these difficult to access areas, and increased visibility for the protection of all who enjoy Humboldt County beaches, river bars and other OHV areas.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The County of Humboldt allows the public to access approximately 40 miles of coastline and several hundred, if not thousands, of acres of land along the coast. A portion of the beach access areas are limited to the wave slope only for the protection of dunes and wildlife. Humboldt County has one 75-acre OHV park dedicated to the use of ATV's 4X4's and. This park is located at the south end of the North Jetty, near Humboldt Bay. There are numerous river bar areas throughout the County that are popular with OHV riders. Many of these areas are open and unrestricted 24 hours a day. In addition, the County also has 33,613 of U.S. Forest Service land that has 523 miles of Level 2 roads. Several of these roads are open to the public 24 hours a day and some require permits. Current California Vehicle Code laws govern all.

Routine in these areas without the special enforcement of the two assigned deputies, is sporadic at best. This large geographical expanse make it essential to maintain a minimum of two deputies to this unit. There are two off road vehicles assigned exclusively to the program that are for accessing these rugged and remote areas that are virtually inaccessible in regularly equipped vehicles. The application includes requested funds that are important to maintain the vehicles assigned to the unit.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Patrol is primarily conducted during daylight hours in order to contact largest number of OHV users. However, some night patrol will be done to address special problems. Patrol of beach areas that are easily accessible to OHV users is a priority. Consideration is given to the multi-use areas which are popular for not only OHV use but also horseback riding, dog walking, beach combing, swimming, sunbathing, surfing, picnics, etc. Law Enforcement issues arise when conflicts occur between these user groups or users and the environment.

The OHV deputies are allowed to adjust their schedules as necessary to ensure maximum coverage. Historically busy holidays, such as July 4th, Labor Day and Memorial Day, as well as school graduation weekends are also worked, sometimes to include additional deputies on an overtime basis as needed.

Deputies are also encourage to attend awareness projects and informational meetings where they provide educational pamphlets, we well as maps indicating the local OHV opportunities and environmental concerns. The educational pamphlets/maps, are made available to the public at Sheriff's Office stations and are regularly handed out by OHV deputies during public contacts while on patrol.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Two (2) full time peace officers are assigned to the program. The officers work a minimum of 40 hours a week on a split schedule to provide for daily patrol at a minimum of one deputy per shift. The deputies are allowed to adjust his/her schedule as necessary. Historically busy holidays such as July 4th, Labor Day, and Memorial Day, as well as school graduation weekends, will also be worked sometimes to include additional deputies on an overtime basis as needed.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The Western Snowy Plover lives on both the beaches and riverbars which are accessible to OHV users. These areas are not fenced or otherwise restricted to OHV use. The Plover nesting season which runs from March through September is also the busiest time of year for recreational usage in this area. Law enforcement presence in these areas along with education, signage, maps, and actual placing of marking tape and/or barriers is essential to the protection of these vulnerable nesting areas. This grant helps in protecting the endangered snowy plover nesting areas, and therefore, birds have increased in numbers. This one species of bird and its diminishing numbers nearly caused all county beaches to be closed. Law Enforcement on the beaches and river bar has proven that the birds, horses, people and OHV's can utilize these areas of opportunities without harm to the environment or themselves.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

This project provides law enforcement to all the OHV riding areas of the county. The result of this grant will afford more OHV opportunities to the community. This enforcement grant allows the beaches to stay open by protecting the environment, which pleases all residents of the county. The visible law enforcement presence along with direct contact with the public for both education and enforcement provides a standard for the future course of OHV development. With the existing restrictions and enforcement of those restrictions, as well as the education provided by our presence and contact, we anticipate OHV accessibility in those areas for years to come.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Sheriff's Department entered into an MOU with BLM, California Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding enforcement on the South Spit. This is a strip of land about 10 miles long between Humboldt Bay and the mouth of the Eel River. Activities include OHV riding, waterfowl hunting, fishing, clamming, beachcombing, horseshoe riding, picnics etc. The Sheriff's Office also has an understanding of concurrent jurisdiction with State Parks. A similar understanding exists with BLM regarding the non-federal violations which can be enforced by the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office continues to be a first responder for activities of many kinds. We are also relied upon as a critical back-up agency for in-progress activities where support is critical.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

We are primarily present because of the increase of people and activity in the area. We are not requested to provide law enforcement for the actual event by the event sponsors but do respond for the additional vehicle and foot traffic in the area which can be potentially damaging to the surrounding beach/dune, forest areas. We are primarily the first responder to reports of any criminal activity and hence must have the ability to reach any and all areas in order to be effective.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

Agency personnel have training and resources for appropriate public safety responses, patrol frequently and respond to emergencies. Specific training includes but is not limited to First Responder Medic and First Aid, training specific to the type of OHV used for patrol. Beach Deputies also participate in community events to encourage safe OHV operation, provide OHV safety information handouts in field contacts, and receive specific training in OHV law enforcement. Training regarding the potential impact to natural resources and cultural resources is provided in the initial OHV training. Participating in refresher courses as well as continuing this training to remain familiar with current law, rules, and practices is necessary for maintaining the public connection and support.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
- The Sheriff's Office has an understanding of concurrent jurisdiction with State Parks. A similar understanding exists with BLM regarding the non-federal violations which can be enforced by the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department also has an MOU with BLM, California Fish and Game and U.S. Fish and Wildlife regarding enforcement on the shared lands within in Humboldt County. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Beach Deputies are very often the first responders to reports of violations on these properties and their relationship with Federal law enforcement officers is well established. Our ability to respond is critical to the success of our joint mission.
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
- Funds provided to the County under VC Section 38230 are used to control and manage off road vehicle access on county beach and dunes property, such as maintaining barriers, signing, in addition to rule and regulation enforcement.

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
- We do not manage OHV recreational facilities.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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APPLICANT NAME :	Humboldt County Sheriff's Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : 2.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff's	2.000	80998.000	EA	120,996.00	41,000.00	161,996.00
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Estimated overtime hours	400.000	45.330	HRS	13,132.00	5,000.00	18,132.00
	Total for Staff				134,128.00	46,000.00	180,128.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Operational and milage costs for beach vehicle	12.000	1600.000	MOS	14,400.00	4,800.00	19,200.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance	12.000	1500.000	MOS	13,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				27,900.00	9,300.00	37,200.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Overhead	19000.00	1.000	EA	14,250.00	4,750.00	19,000.00

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	Notes : Administrative overhead for project	0					
Total Program Expenses					176,278.00	60,050.00	236,328.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					176,278.00	60,050.00	236,328.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					176,278.00	60,050.00	236,328.00

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	134,128.00	46,000.00	180,128.00	The program will fund 2.0 FTE Deputy Sheriff positions that will work full time on the activities of the grant. Also included are estimated overtime hours that will be used during special events and high usage periods.
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	27,900.00	9,300.00	37,200.00	Each of the deputies assigned to the program will be assigned a 4 wheel drive vehicle that will patrol areas that are not accessible from a regular patrol vehicle. The rate includes fuel, maintenance and capitalization costs for each of the vehicles.
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Administrative Costs	14,250.00	4,750.00	19,000.00	Overhead costs for the program will be used to support direct supervision of the deputies assigned to the program. Also provide grant management and oversight, collection and reporting of statistical information and other administrative costs that are indirectly related to the program.
Total Program Expenses		176,278.00	60,050.00	236,328.00	
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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment